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In re Application of W. Frank Little, Jr. Application No. 09/652,648 Filed: August 31, 2000 Attorney Docket No. LIT03 OFFICE OF PETITIONS

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 21, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 37 CFR 1.121 mailed April 15, 2002, which set a reply period of (1) One month or (30) Thirty days whichever is longer, from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 16, 2002.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3635 for further processing.

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